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#### Woman lights her own car on fire

After responding to a car on fire in the parking lot of Westgate Elementary, Edmonds Police officer's learned that the car was intentionally lit on fire, and the suspect was the car's owner. This was not the woman's first brush with setting things on fire. She was charged with Arson in August of 2014, after she lit her own house on fire in an attempt to kill herself.

The car fire happened on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> around 8pm. The woman, a 56 year-old from Seattle was still standing in the parking lot when police arrived. When questioned about the fire, she admitted to using gasoline and a lighter to start the blaze. She told officers that she wanted to go to jail to avoid the stress of dealing with family obligations for the week.

The woman was not taken to jail but instead transported to a local hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

No one was inside the car and there were no injuries during this event. Charges were referred to the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office for Second Degree Arson.

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